

This month's events, news and highlights for
Pasco and Hernando counties' businesses and job seekers.



Monthly Digest: March 2021

CareerSource Pasco Hernando News, Events and Highlights

CareerSource Pasco Hernando Unemployment Stats

Pasco: 4.9%
Hernando: 5.6%
Florida: 5.3%



Virtual Contacts 105,352

**1,484 Individuals have found Employment as a
Direct Result of CareerSource Pasco Hernando.**

Ask How We Can Help You Find Employment Today!

In the News

Media Advisory: March 12, 2021
Contact: Summer Blevins (727) 232-2921

Bilirakis Holds Virtual Job Fair for Veterans, Guard and Reserve Members and Military Spouses

Who: Congressman Gus Bilirakis is hosting a free virtual job fair for Veterans, Guard and Reserve Members and Military Spouses.

When: March 30, 2021 thru April 1, 2021.

How: Interested job seekers can register [here](#). Early preregistration is strongly advised.

Why: We have seen the Veteran community disproportionately impacted by high unemployment rates throughout the pandemic. These American heroes have a unique skill set that is highly-desired in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Congressman Bilirakis is proud to link those in need of a job or those seeking career development with companies who have available positions.

For more information, please contact the Congressman's office at 727-232-2921.

Working together for a Better Future!



My name is Lystra Enile, I relocated to Brooksville, Florida in October 2019. I was very new to everything in the area, also very shy. My daughter mentioned to look at Career Programs, it was called Career Link in Pennsylvania. I google the closest name to Pennsylvania's name, and God directed me to CareerSource Pasco Hernando in Brooksville. I was extremely nervous going into the Brooksville Office for the first time, I remember sitting in the car for awhile and prayed, and then I went in. The Receptionist was very pleasant and helpful, and I started from there. I was informed of workshops they offered.

I was in the market of looking for a new job, and building up my confidence. Having a Data Processor background, while looking for jobs, I realize a lot of companies were asking for Microsoft Office applications experience. I signed up for workshops at the other CareerSource Pasco Hernando locations in New Port Richey, Dade City, and the Brooksville Office when it was there. I successfully completed the workshops in Excel, Word and others they offered. I realize I still needed more training in the Microsoft Office Applications than just a couple of hours. I met one of the instructors at the workshop and we talked. I did not have the finances to take a full class, and the instructor informed me about the WIOA program that I may qualify for. I spoke with Glenn at the CareerSource Pasco Hernando Brooksville Office, and he was extremely helpful and lead me to Ms. Cynthia. Glenn and Ms. Cynthia have been a blessing. I did all the necessary paperwork, and I did receive the scholarship from WIOA to attend Access Computer Training in Lutz, Florida.

I successfully completed the course with a Proficient Diploma in Business Applications-Microsoft Office. I realize, in looking for a job in my field everyone needed you to be familiar with Microsoft Office Application. Some of the software I knew, but needed to brush up on and add the new software to my knowledge. I am incredibly grateful to have received a Scholarship from WIOA CareerSource Pasco Hernando to attend Access Computer Training.

The instructor at Access Computer Training has helped me build my confidence, and prepared me in finding a job in my field. I was able to get a Full-time job as a Data Entry Operator at the Hernando County School District. As time goes on, I would love to go back to school and further my education.

I am forever grateful for the WIOA Scholarship. Without the Scholarship I would not of been able to get the knowledge in Microsoft Office Applications, which allowed me to find a job in my field and build more confidence in myself.

Thank you, Ms. Cynthia, Mr. Glenn and the team at CareerSource Pasco Hernando (Brooksville Office). I am forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Lystra Enile

Upcoming Events

Virtual Veteran's Employment Fair

March 30 - April 1, 2021

A Free Virtual Employment Fair for
Veterans Guard and Reserve Members,
as well as Military Spouses of Veterans

and Active Duty Personnel.

[For More Information about
Virtual Veteran's Employment Fair
Click Here!](#)



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Looking for that special talent for a new position?

Look no further, our Talent Marketplace is designed to help you find and recruit the right talent.

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Blog Highlight



Florida Prepares for Health Care Industry's Talent Needs

HERE ARE THE SKILLS AND PROFESSIONS MOST IN DEMAND

The health care and life sciences industry represents a major opportunity for Florida employers and career seekers at every level.

Florida is expected to **gain 6 million residents by 2030**, which means the state must add 2 million jobs to remain at 5 percent unemployment. State leaders have

identified health care and life sciences as a target industry with potential for high-wage jobs and overall economic impact, but the industry is evolving.

Technological advances, patient expectations and medical research have increased demand for specialized workers. [Career seekers](#) must also demonstrate proficiency in communication, customer service, organization and critical thinking.

CareerSource Pasco Hernando is leading the way in this landscape by anticipating the needs of both [employers](#) and employees.

As a starter for our discussion, here is a snapshot of the health care and life sciences industry and its talent demands based on the [Florida Jobs 2030](#) report by the Florida Chamber of Commerce.

[The basics](#)

The health care and life sciences industry represents 8.4 percent of Florida's gross state product and about 810,000 jobs. The number of jobs is expected to grow by 9 percent through 2021.

Health care anchors this industry with the state's 700+ hospitals and other health care facilities. The sector also includes medical device manufacturing, pharmaceutical manufacturing and biotechnology.

[Educational demands](#)

Of the state's target industries, health care and life sciences has the highest number of occupations that require a postsecondary degree or credential (66 percent). Biotechnology, for example, is projected to grow by 25 percent in Florida with most of the increase in occupations that require a bachelor's degree. Nurses with bachelor's degrees also will be needed to serve the state's large and aging population.

Entry-level and medium-level employees will be in demand in supporting roles as:

- Medical assistants,
- Medical secretaries,
- Billing and posting clerks and
- Medical records and health information technicians.

Within pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturing, there are expected opportunities for:

- Machinists,
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics,
- Dental laboratory assistants and

[Identified gaps](#)

The occupations with the highest projected gaps between supply and demand in the next eight years include:

- Physical therapists,
- Medical and clinical laboratory technologists,
- Billing and posting clerks,
- Health technologists and technicians and
- Dental hygienists

Note that the majority of the occupations are not in direct patient care roles.

[Talent pipeline](#)

One of the challenges in developing talent for the future will be encouraging more students to consider occupations in demand through career counseling and awareness. But companies also have opportunities to help current employees advance through [employer-led training and credentialing](#).

[Internships](#), which benefit both the employer and career seeker, have long been a source of talent within the health care and life sciences industry.

[Geography](#)

Miami and Tampa have the largest number of jobs in health care and life sciences,

but the areas with the greatest projected job growth over the next five years are: The Villages (24 percent), Ocala (15 percent) and Okeechobee (15 percent), with the retirement-age population driving much of the increase. The Gainesville area, meanwhile, is an identified growth locale for medical device companies.

With a wide range of jobs available, health care and life sciences will be an important industry within Florida for many years to come. At CareerSource Pasco Hernando, we stand ready to assist employers and career seekers.

Please [contact us today](#) and let us know how we can help you.

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